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Mr. John T. Campbell, Head
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Dear John:

On 26 September 1958, you will recall, I advised you by letter of our plans to arrange progressive transfers of Satellite coverage to Viasat from Kyrenia. Although it was a desirable operational goal from the standpoint of potential coverage and efficiency, it was primarily pushed at that time because of the pressure of circumstances in Cyprus. Because of the favorable turn of affairs in Cyprus, I have now decided to suspend this plan for an indefinite period.

My decision has been conditioned by a number of factors, including personnel and fiscal obstacles, technical problems of reception and inferior communication facilities. It is possible that the two latter may in time resolve themselves, in which case we may review the administrative problems. However, for the foreseeable future the plan is now a dead issue.

The first step of the plan, as you know, has already been accomplished, i.e. the transfer of the Romanian section. We shall retain this, since Kyrenia is more crowded than ever due to expansion of the Arab staff.

Sincerely,

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 Chief, FBIS

cc: Chief, London Bureau
 Chief, MedBureau
 Chief, Austrian Bureau
 cc: Operations Officer

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